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Photo by Charles Choate

COACHING RETURN - Fulton County High School Athletic Director Rick Garland (l) and Principal Ellen Murphy welcomed David Gallagher (r) back to the school last week, after he accepted the head coaching position of the Pilots football program. Gallagher will be making his return to the sidelines, after previously serving as an assistant and head coach with the Pilots for 17 years.

Gallagher named Pilots Football Coach

Charles Choate
Courier Correspondent
Fulton County High School has a new head football coach, who is no stranger to the game or to the program.

And for die-hard football fans, and former players with the Pilots, the introduction can be put in very simple terms.
“Coach G” is back.
Following an interview process to fill the position made available with the resignation of

former Coach Deatrik Kinney, school officials selected David Gallagher to return for a rebuilding project.

“We are very excited that Coach Gallagher is returning,” said FCHS Principal Ellen Murphy following the official announcement. “He knows the game, he works so well with the players and he works well with the community. Taking all of that in, we (Site Base Council) just thought he was the right person

at the right time to move the football program forward”.

Gallagher began a recruiting mission last Thursday, when he was introduced to potential football players at both the high school and middle school.

Speaking to over 60 students, Gallagher said “we have a rich history here, and I’m going to challenge you to help make this program top of the line once more. It’s time to make some changes to get football back on the winning track.”

While teaching in the Fulton County system from 1985 thru 2002, Gallagher served as both an assistant coach and head coach of the Pilots football program.

During that time, Gallagher was part of some of the most successful seasons in school history, including the 1985 Pilots who went (10-0) in regular season play and achieved the Associated Press Class-A No. 1 ranking, and the 1993 team that finished (12-1) after losing 7-0 to Bardstown in the Class-A State semi-finals.

“It’s always in your blood and now I have some time, so it seems like a good opportunity to go at it again and see how it goes,” said the coach after accepting the position. “We want to get some enthusiasm back in it, get the younger kids involved

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Railroad accident injures former Hickman resident Chris Moses

Charles Choate
Courier Correspondent
A Dyersburg man remains hospitalized after being severely injured in a railroad accident in Fulton.

William Christopher Moses, 42, was injured on Sunday, March 15 while working in Fulton.

A press release from SMART Transportation said Moses was

working as a conductor for the Canadian National Railway when he was crushed by a rail car.

Following the accident, he was airlifted to the Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, where he was listed in critical condition.

Moses was a 10 year member of the Transportation Division, and a member of SMART

Transportation Local 339 at Jackson.

The release said Moses is married and has two children, ages 15 and 5.

He is the son of the late David Moses and Becky Moses Blasdel, and the grandson of the late Bill and Mary Frances Newton.

Hickman man arrested in Union City last week

Charles Choate
Courier Correspondent
One Hickman man was arrested, and one was treated at Baptist Memorial Hospital, following a knifing incident on East Main Street in Union City.

Union City police reports said officers received a call to the hospital, where 28 year old Jerelle Kinney was being treated for a laceration to his right hand.

Kinney told officers that he and 49 year old Christopher Addy

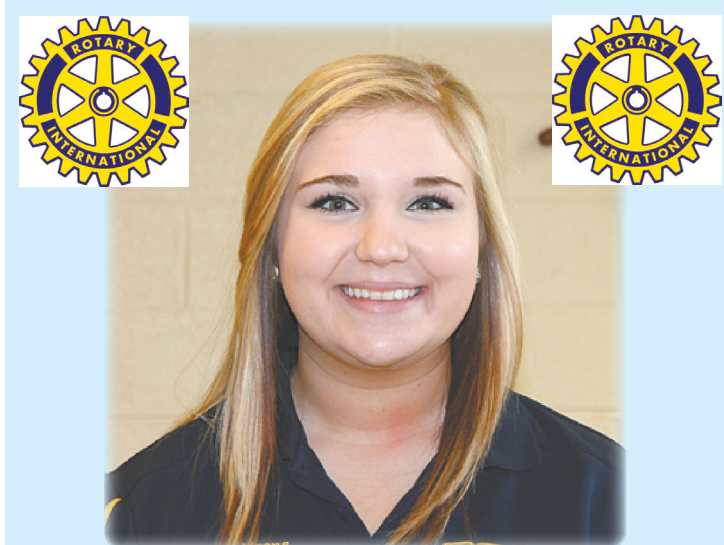
were riding in a vehicle in Union City, along with Jerome Johnson, of Fulton, and Leslie Johnson, of Hickman, when he and Addy got into an argument.

When their car stopped at an intersection on East Main Street, reports said Kinney and Addy got into a fight, with Kinney being cut with a knife.

Reports said Addy was later arrested following the incident and charged with aggravated assault.



OPERATION PREPARATION - Find out next week why Jake Russell, a sophomore at FCHS, has college on his mind.



2015 HICKMAN ROTARY SPEECH CONTEST WINNER - Annagrace Ligons is the winner of the Hickman Rotary Club Annual Speech Contest. The contest was held at FCHS on Wednesday, March 18, with ten competitors. (See page 3 for more photos.)

Nathan Wilson adds the pork industry back to the family farm near Cayce

Charlotte Smith
Editor
About 1845 William Locke Alexander moved to a farm acquired previous to that by his father near Cayce in Fulton County, Kentucky. Portions of this original farm have been farmed by someone in the Wilson/Shuck/Alexander family since that time. Nathan Wilson, the son of Judy Wilson and the late Paul Wilson, is the sixth generation in his father’s family to be involved in a variety of facets of agriculture on the home farm, known as the Shuck Farm. Nathan’s mother, Judy, also is a descendant of farmers from Boone County, Kentucky.

Those who came before Nathan and his late father, Paul, include: John P. Wilson who married Louise Shuck, Lyle Y. Shuck, Captain W. A. Shuck who married Bertha Alexander, and Capt. Shucks father-in-law, William Locke Alexander dating back as far as the mid 1800’s.

After deciding college wasn’t for him Nathan did an internship with Tosh Farms. “I wanted to figure out how and what I was doing before I went into it,” he explained. “They helped me and I knew the pork industry was for me.”

Soon, thereafter, Nathan built two hog barns. “My family has always been involved in raising hogs and cattle and they have always done their fair share of row crops, too,” he said. “When some of my ancestors were raising hogs, they were on the land in a dirt lot. Nothing wrong with that, it just isn’t as productive as raising them inside a barn.”

Now Nathan has the advantage of advancements in the care of hogs. “We take care of them like we do ourselves,” he said. “They have heat in the winter and cool water misters in the summer. They are taken care of very well, almost like family.”

When a baby pig arrives on



Nathan and Chelsea Wilson

Nathan’s farm they typically come in weighing approximately 15 pounds. “We keep them for about 4 1/2 to 5 months,” he said. “When they are ready to leave, they top out weighing approximately 280 pounds.”

Currently Nathan is in the beginning stages of raising his hogs. “They are babies right now,” he said. “We feed them

twice a day and we spend a lot of time checking them and giving them shots regularly.”

Sometimes a few of the pigs get sick and they have to be tended to. “Once they get bigger, the work side slows down,” added Nathan. “Then we have to load them out. That means we need to get the ones who are at

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SPECIAL DELIVERY - (At top) The Mathis twins Sawyer and Sadie arrived home on Wednesday evening, March 18, after spending almost four months in the NICU. Proud and happy parents Justin and Kayla Mathis walked through their front door around 6:30 p.m. **PRECIOUS CARGO** - (Above) The Mathis family was traveling in this vehicle with their precious twins Sawyer and Sadie, born on November 22, 2014.

Ralston, Atwill and others indicted by the grand jury

Back on January 31, a traffic stop resulted in the arrest of two Hells Angels, Arthur Ralston and Terry Atwill. Both Ralston and Atwill were back in court on Thursday, March 12 in front of the Fulton Grand Jury. Ralston and Atwill were both indicted along with five others. The following are those indicted along with their charges.

- Arthur Ralston - Front Headlights; Failure to Register Transfer of Motor Vehicle; Failure of Owner Operator to Maintain Required Insurance, 1st Offense; Enhanced Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree,

Namely Methamphetamine; Enhanced Controlled Substance not in Original Container; Enhanced Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, Namely Methamphetamine; Enhanced Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; and Carrying a Concealed Weapon. His pretrial conference has been set for April 23 at 9:30 a.m.

- Terry Atwill - Carrying a Concealed Weapon (2 Counts); Enhanced Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense, Namely Methamphetamine,

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Countdown to FCHS graduation - 57 days



OBITUARIES

Edith Trantham
Mrs. Blonnie Mikel
Don Hollingsworth

RAIN WATCH

March 2015 - 6.59 inches
www.kymesonet.org






RIVER STAGE FORECASTS

Wednesday, March 25 – 47.5
Thursday, March 26 – 46.8
Friday, March 27 – 45.6
Saturday, March 28 – 43.5
Sunday, March 29 – 40.1



DONATION - FFA President Annagrace Ligons shakes hands with Monsanto Representative Mr. Montgomery during a check presentation last week. Farmer Johnson Linder (left) was awarded the check and he chose to donate it to FFA.

Your Local Weather

Thu 3/26	Fri 3/27	Sat 3/28	Sun 3/29	Mon 3/30
				
53/36 Light rain in the morning. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	49/29 Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.	48/32 Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 30s.	60/45 More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	65/44 Showers possible in the afternoon.

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THE HICKMAN COURIER

THE VOICE OF HICKMAN AND FULTON COUNTY

Charlotte Smith - Editor

Barbara Atwill - Business manager

Established in 1859. The oldest newspaper in West Kentucky.

Turning Back The Clock

25 Years Ago
March 29, 1990

Obituaries: Charles Adams, 70; Jewell Joiner, 97; James k. Laird, Jr., 75; Roy D. Taylor, 83; Fred Mays, Jr., 62; and Terry Bone, 37.

Four members of Senior Troop 3166 were awarded ten-year pins during the Girl Scout Mother-Daughter Banquet Friday night. Girls receiving the pins were Amy Major, Mary Carol Harris, Andrea Lynch and Dionne Nerren. Leaders of the troop are Pat and Lynn major. Young ladies receiving five-year pins were Jamie Hopkins, Kerry Doughty, Carrie Lattus, Vanessa Ellingsburg, Jill Sheehan, Michelle Elks, Brook Craddock and Nikki Eddington of Junior Troop 1324; and Mandy Moss and Allison Henson of Junior and Cadette Troop 3144. Catherine Doughty and Joyce Elks are leaders of Troop 1324 and Ginny Henson is leader of Troop 3144.

Fulton County High School Cheerleaders participated the National High School Dance Team Championship in Orlando, Florida. Those attending were Stephanie Fields, Suzanne Strong, co-captain, Dionne Nerren, Mary Carol Harris, Holly McNeill, Stacy Rash, Amy Major, and Missy Argo, captain.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cooley of Jackson, Mo. announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tammy Cooley to Seven Michael Pleimann, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Gregory Pleimann of Jackson, Mo.

Pvt. Charlotte G. Scarbrough has completed basic training at Fort Dix, NJ. She is the daughter of Levis L. and Rosalind A. Scarbrough of Hickman and 1982 graduate of Fulton County High School in Hickman.

50 Years Ago
April 1, 1965

Beverly Westbrook did it – won a four-year college scholarship. She plans on attending UK and will major in English. She plans on making teaching her career.

Fifteen FCHS band students were among some 600 band students in the West Kentucky area who attended the solo and ensemble festival at Murray State College on Saturday.

The marquee is bare on the Ritz Theatre in Hickman. Roger Bowers, manager, explained that the theatre was closed after last Saturday's performances. A drop-off in attendance was explained as the reason. Bowers said that he hoped that the theatre would be remodeled and reopened at some future date. The theatre, first opened in 1949, has been operating on an abbreviated basis – four days a week – since 1962 because attendance has been dwindling.

75 Years Ago
March 29, 1940

Beginning March 25, the State Game and Fish Department of Kentucky started the distribution of 22,000 Bob White Quail in the fields of Kentucky. 500 pairs were sent to Paducah to be distributed to the eight Purchase counties and as a starter the local sportsmen were given an allotment of 25 birds, 12 pair and one extra male. A pair of birds were released on farms belonging to the following: Floyd Green, John a. Shuff, George Sanger, James Amberg, Jim Hepler, Edward Harrington, Bacon and Shaw, Myrit Roper, Jr., Ernest Johnson, Jr., Jim McNeill, Luten Seay and Ben Lattus. A pair of quail will raise a covey of 16 to 24 young, which will be full-grown and able to take care of themselves by the time the hunting season rolls around. They are great insect eaters and are of value to the farmer in saving his crops from countless millions of destructive insects.

Lee Tullis has purchased the two Barbee Houses on Moscow Street and will tear one down and remodel the other into a modern five-room residence. J. Dee Henry, secretary of the local Federal Savings, states that they will finance at least five new dwellings this spring, that some are ready to start as soon as the weather will permit.

Pledges for the prizes and general expense of Hickman's Community Fair have reached a total of \$476,000, according to a late report from H.D. "Dixie" Robinson, who is managing the preliminary campaign to get the fair started again.

125 Years Ago
March 29, 1890

The river news is of the most distressing and appalling character and there is little hope of it getting any better soon. At Hickman the river is again about up to its former highest state for this season and is slowly rising. The present flood lacks about three feet of 1882 but it has lasted longer than any flood on record. It overleaped its banks January 16 and has been out of its banks ever since. The scaffolding of stock, exposure to cold winds and water by both man and beast has been terrible.

The value of the assessed property in Hickman just completed for 1890 shows an increased valutaion of about \$40,000 over that of 1889.

The young society people enjoyed what is called a "Tacky Party" at the residence of Dr. J.M. Hubbard Saturday, and to use the words of our fair reporter, "had just lots of fun." Twelve couples were present and with music, dancing and a real good supper, the evening was happy for one and all. Some of the costumes were not only droll but natural and afforded a source of infinite and good humor. The young people owe thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Hubbard for their courtesy.

School board adds two days to 2014-2015 calendar

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Upon the recommendation of Fulton County Schools Superintendent Aaron Collins, the school board amended the 2014-2015 school calendar. On Thursday evening, March 19 the board voted unanimously to have school on May 21 and May 22, with graduation on Friday evening. "This will keep the full week of spring break intact," added Chairman Perry Turner. Spring Break is scheduled for Monday, April 6 through Friday, April 10.

Superintendent notification of personnel actions included the

retirement of Fulton County Elementary/Middle School teacher Brenda King. They also employed Jeré Kinney as a substitute cafeteria worker, and hired Sharika Smith and Rachel Cronin Netaz as assistant track coaches and David Gallagher as the new head football coach. (See related story on page one.)

After agreeing to sign a letter of intent with Trane U.S. Inc. in order to purchase equipment for the HVAC and lighting renovations, the board approved action items by consent and then went into closed session at approximately 6:20 p.m. per KRS 61.810 (F) for the purpose of personnel.



CERTIFIED BEST PILOT ON BOARD - Fulton County Elementary/Middle School Assistant Principal Michael Cole was named the Certified Best Pilot on Board for February 2015 during the March 19 school board meeting. Quotes about Cole included the following: "He is always enthusiastic and does whatever he can to keep everyone motivated; Even when he has a good reason to be in a bad mood, he always comes across positive; He is always looking for ways to make this school better; Mr. Cole is just plain helpful when you have a technology problem he tries to figure it out for you - he is our tech man; Mr. Cole wants to try new things and will research what is good focus to try; He makes helpful suggestions and he is always willing to help anyone; and He is such a benefit to our school; and he is a hard worker and believes in our students."

Sheriff's Office Audit reveals two weaknesses

Benita Fuzzell
Fulton Leader

The office of Fulton County Sheriff Robert Hopper received two findings considered material weaknesses, following the release of the Independent Auditor's Report issued by Adam H. Edelen, the State of Kentucky's Auditor of Public Accounts recently.

For the period dated April 17, 2013 through April 16, 2014, the report noted the office lacks adequate segregation of duties, and the office's tax settlement was not in compliance with Kentucky Revised Statute 134.192.

The reference to a lack of segregation of duties is all too familiar to the office, a notation made in numerous previous audit reports.

As a result of the limited number of staff and the diversity of operations the bookkeeper is required to perform multiple tasks such as collection of cash from customers, bookkeeping, bank reconciliations, the preparation of monthly reports and the preparation of checks for disbursement.

The Auditor's Report states the lack of segregation of duties or strong oversight increases the risk of fraud or error, which could occur and not be detected.

The report indicates the knowledge of the condition being the result of a limited budget, which restricts the number of employees the Sheriff may hire, or the number of duties to which he may delegate duties.

"Segregation of duties over these tasks, or the implementation of compensating controls when limited by staff is essential for providing protection from asset misappropriation and helping prevent inaccurate financial reporting. Additionally, proper segregation of duties protects employees in the normal course of performing their daily responsibilities," the report stated.

The report recommended the Sheriff segregate the duties noted by allowing different deputies to perform the functions.

Also, deputies could be cross-trained, the report goes on to say, to accommodate the rotation of the functions.

For those duties unable to be segregated as a result of limited number of staff, strong oversight was urged to be provided to the employee or employees responsible for such duties, including oversight by the Sheriff or a designee, reviewing the daily collection report and comparing it to the daily deposit.

The report urged the same oversight for review of the monthly tax reports and also comparing them to the monthly

bank reconciliations and tax distributions.

Documentation, such as the Sheriff's or designee's initials or signature was urged to be provided on those items reviewed.

In regard to the Auditor's notation as to the failure of the Sheriff's Tax Settlement to be in Compliance with Kentucky Revised Statute 134.192, it was noted according to that statute, the annual settlement of taxes "shall show the amount of ad valorem tax collected for the county, the school district, and all taxing districts and an itemized statement of the money disbursed to or on behalf of the county, the school district and all taxing districts. While the Sheriff's settlement for 2013 taxes showed the amount of ad valorem taxes collected for the county, school and other taxing districts, it failed to disclose the amount of taxes disbursed. As a result, the Sheriff's settlement was not in compliance."

In order to be in compliance, it was recommended the Sheriff include all of the necessary information in his annual settlement of taxes including amounts disbursed to the county, school and other districts.

The Sheriff did not respond to either finding.

The Sheriff collected taxes of \$2,776,329 for the districts for 2013 taxes, retaining commissions of \$107,121 to operate the Sheriff's office.

The Sheriff distributed taxes of \$2,661,327 to the districts for 2013 taxes. Taxes of \$64,447 are due to the districts from the Sheriff and refunds of \$64,587 are due to the Sheriff from the taxing districts.

In regard to deposits, the report stated the Sheriff's deposits as of Nov. 4, 2013 were exposed to custodial credit risk in that there was \$575,036 in uncollateralized and uninsured deposits. The auditor stated the Sheriff's deposits were covered by FDIC insurance and a properly executed collateral security agreement, but the bank did not adequately collateralize the Sheriff's deposits in accordance with the security agreement.

New vehicle registration system saves time, money

Some time- and cost-saving changes to Kentucky's vehicle registration system are being implemented in county clerk offices across the



CLASSIFIED BEST PILOT ON BOARD - Retired bus driver Jim Williams was named the Classified Best Pilot on Board for March 2015. Comments about Mr. Williams include the following: "Not only did he drive our students to and from school but he greeted them each day with a smile on his face; Mr. Jim always went above and beyond for our students, he will be greatly missed in Fulton County; He has been such a vital part of the Fulton County transportation department; Sitting at the end of the bus line - you could see him have a smile on his face and he always inspired the students to be and do their best; He was always positive and made the best out of every situation; and The students loved him and the faculty - loves you too!"

Dave Says...

by Dave Ramsey



Dear Dave,
My daughter is in her late twenties, and she has a good job making \$50,000 a year. The other day, she told me she has \$15,000 in credit card debt and has financed an expensive car she's upside down on. Her apartment in Omaha costs \$600 a month, and she is asking for help to get out of the hole. We tried to teach her how to handle money, but apparently it didn't work. How do you think I should handle this situation?

Cindy

Dear Cindy,
Here's what I would tell her if she were my kid in that situation. First, I'm not paying for your problem to go away. I'd tell her to sell the car and get a cheap little beater. She'll have to get a small loan to cover the difference, but it will rid her of a car payment. And hey, a little bit of debt is better than a whole lot of debt — especially when the debt is on something that's going down in value. After that, she can get a part-time job and work her tail off until she cleans up the mess she made.

I know all this sounds harsh, but this girl had a good thing going and she screwed it up by being impulsive and immature. Think about it; she's making \$50,000 a year, and only \$7,200 of that was going toward rent. Her taxes aren't that much, so where's the rest of the money going? I'm guessing a big chunk is being wasted on restaurants, goofing off and other stuff she doesn't really need.

Let her wallow in it and worry about things for while first, though. Then, if she's willing to accept responsibility for her actions, and she starts working hard toward handling her money wisely, you might help her out once in a while. Every time she pays off \$1,000, you could add \$500 to the next payment. But I'd test her resolve first to see if she wants it badly enough!

—Dave

Dear Dave,
I'm 64, and I've been dating a 73-year-old man for four years. We're talking about marriage,

and we've been discussing finances. He's retired, but I still work part-time even though I'm in pretty good shape financially. His plan, if we get married, is to give his house and his savings to his children, while we live in my home. We'd still have his small pension, what I bring home and my savings, but I think he should invest at least half of what he has in our marriage and relationship. What do you think?

Betty

Dear Betty,
So, his wealth goes to his kids and you get to feed and take care of him until he dies? In my mind, this is not a good plan.

I think what you're discovering here is that this guy just doesn't want to be lonely. It sounds, too, like he's dipping into your wealth while all his stuff goes to his kids. I'd be a little frustrated with this idea if I were you. And I think the two of you need some premarital and relationship counseling before you take another step forward. Right now, you're in third place behind his kids and his belongings.

I'm not saying he has to give everything to you, but you guys definitely need to have a serious talk and find a little balance. Right now, he's clinging to everything in one way or another, and not really offering to take care of you. In my mind, you need to be ready to take a bullet for someone when you want to marry them. And this guy hasn't shown that he's ready to put you first.

—Dave

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The following Deed Transfers were recorded in the office of Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy Friday, March 13 through Monday, March 16:

Tracy A. Votaw and Alanna A. Votaw of Fulton, Ky. to Sherman D. Knox of Columbus, Ky., property in city of Fulton, value \$1,000, March 13.

Sherman D. Knox of Columbus, Ky. to Ricky Elton Estes of Fulton, Ky., property in city of Fulton, value \$2,000, March 13.

April LaShell Smith, f/k/ a April LaShell Wilson, of Jackson, Tenn. to Christopher L. Smith of Fulton, property in city of Hickman, value \$76,500, March 13.

Darlene Taylor of Bowling Green, Ky. to Ruby Taylor of Fulton, Ky., property in Fulton County, paid \$1, March 16.

HAPPY HUNTING!

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 28

11 a.m.

(Rain date will be Saturday, April 4)

Jeff Green Memorial Park

Hickman, KY

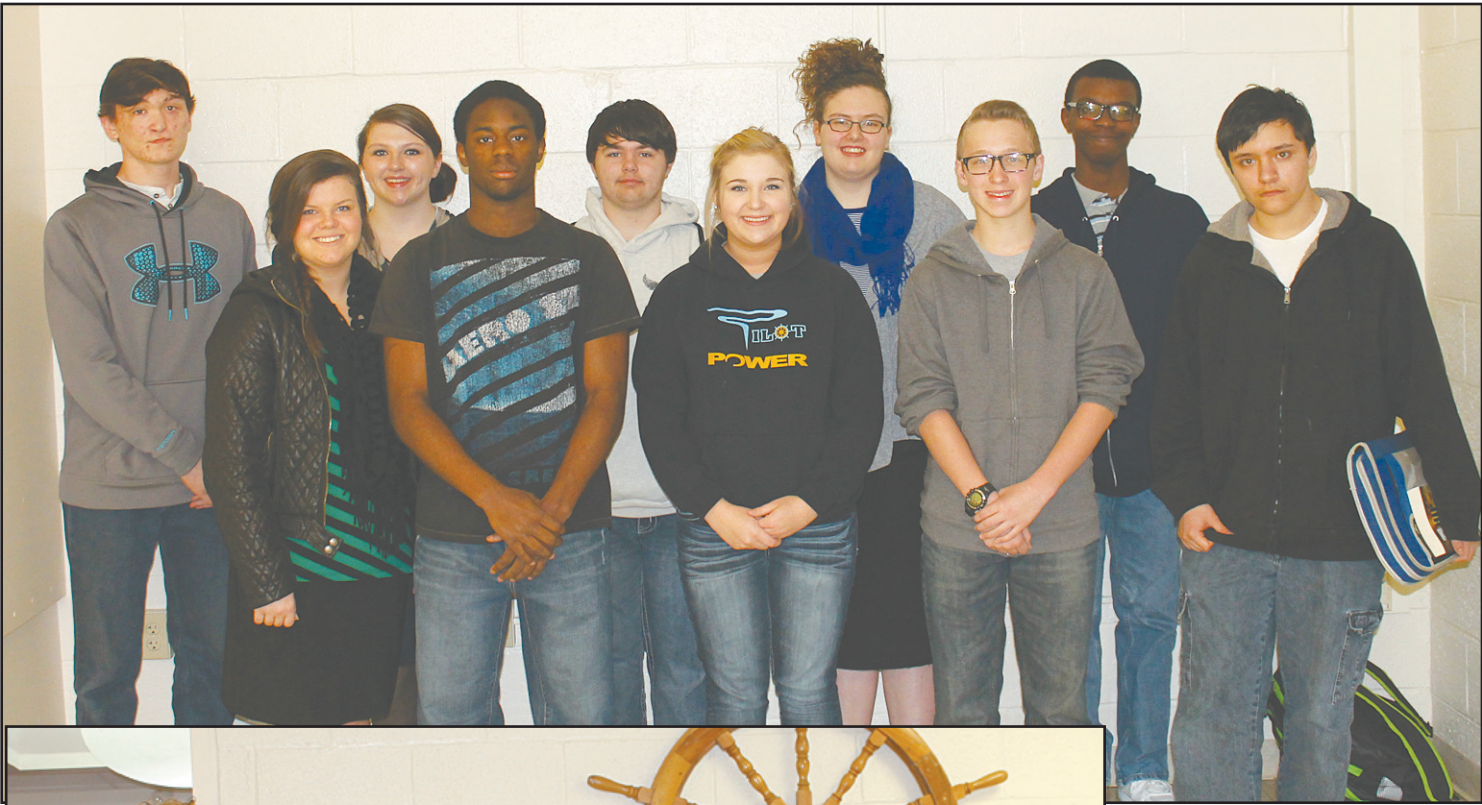
Prizes Awarded

Three Age Groups

- 0 - 4 years
- 5 - 7 years
- 8 - 10 years

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Photos by Barbara Atwill

HICKMAN ROTARY SPEECH CONTEST 2015 - On Wednesday, March 18, 10 students from Fulton County High School participated in the Hickman Rotary Club's annual speech contest. Those delivering speeches include: (above, l to r) Joshua Etheridge, Johnna Edgin, Kristen Martin, David Polk, Charles Staggs, Annagrace Ligons, Jenna Elliott, Bradley Webb, Tavonte Crumble, and Abner Chilson. **SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS** - Those placing in the Hickman Rotary Club speech contest include (at left, l to r) Jenna Elliott and David Polk, tied for third place; Johnna Edgin, second place; and Annagrace Ligons, first place. Ligons competed at the regional level on Tuesday, March 24.



Senior Spirit

By Charlotte Smith

Seniors get hung up in health care scams

By Jenny Gold
Kaiser Health News

Law enforcement agencies are reporting a spike in health insurance scams across the country, many of which are preying on the public's confusion over the massive changes taking place in the nation's health care system.

One recent morning, 86-year-old Evelyn Lois Such was sitting at her kitchen table in Denver when the phone rang. She didn't recognize the phone number or the deep voice on the other end of the line. "He asked if I was a senior, and I said yes, and he said we are sending out all new Medicare cards and I want to make sure I have all of your statistics correct," Such recounts.

At first, the caller didn't seem too fishy; he started by running through her address and phone number, just to make sure they were right. But then he read off a series of numbers and asked if it was her bank routing number. "I didn't know really at the time whether it was or not, but I just said no. He said, well could you give it to me so I'll have it correctly, and I said, well I'm not so sure about that. And he started to say something and I hung up."

When the scammer tried calling her a second time, she hung up immediately, scribbled down the number from her caller ID and dialed Medicare to report the scam.

"I kind of thought it was funny at first, and then I thought, you know, how dare they?" says Such. "There are some seniors who aren't well and don't think as well as they used to, and it just made me angry that they would be victimized like this."

Law enforcement agencies are reporting an increase in these sorts of health insurance scams across the country. Many of the fraudsters seem to be preying on the public's confusion over the massive changes taking place in the nation's health care system.

Seniors are often targets - they're more likely to be home to answer the phone, and they tend to have retirement savings that scammers hope to tap. But they aren't the only victims: The federal government received nearly 83,000 complaints of "imposter scams" last year - up 12 percent from the year before.

"America's rife with health scam," says James Quiggle, communications director at the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud in Washington, D.C. "Crooks are offering fake

health coverage, stripped down policies masquerading as real coverage. They're also selling... fake Obamacare coverage," he explains.

Recent polls have found that well over half of Americans say they still don't understand how the new health law will affect them. "Crooks are playing on that confusion. Confusion is a crook's best friend," says Quiggle.

"Fraudsters are as attuned to what's going on in the news as anybody else," says Lois Greisman, who runs the division of marketing practices at the Federal Trade Commission. "Before Katrina hit land, websites were up soliciting funds to help victims of Katrina. This is not a surprise; this is par for the course." A program as vast as the health care overhaul makes for a dangerous twist on the regular scams, she adds.

Greisman and her team are working to take down the scams as quickly as possible, but there is an endless number; scammers range from just your average amateur looking to make a quick buck, to well-organized crime rings that mass-produce fraud.

"The first line of defense is don't take a call from out of the blue from anyone who's offering to help you navigate the new health care market," cautions Greisman. "Those kinds of cold calls just shouldn't take place, same thing with an unsolicited email, and an unsolicited text."

Many people see through those sorts of simple scams, says Sally Hurme, an elder law attorney at AARP. "But even if one in a thousand falls for the scam and gives up info or agrees to send information off to who knows where, they've made (the scammer's) day. That's what their job is," says Hurme. As the Affordable Care Act ramps up, the country is likely to see more frequent insurance scams, and they're likely to get more sophisticated, she adds.

Savvy senior Evelyn Lois Such offers this advice for others who get a suspicious call: Don't answer to quickly. Think about

and Mark Sims.

April 2 - Mrs. Willard Ferguson, Houston Graves, and Ryan Henderson.

April 3 - Rickie Duncan, Ginger Shannon, Honey Beth Sauerwin, and Ryan Canaday.

April 4 - Tina Elliott, Jessica Henderson, James (Huck) Jackson, Jeffrey Johnson, and Isa Mansfield.

April 5 - Lynn Major, Judy Markle, Michelle Rumpfelt, Jackie Shields, Chris Kimmons, Sami Hartman, and Madeline Baird Howell.



The Hickman Courier wishes all these good folks a very happy birthday! Help make their days more special by remembering them with a card or a phone call.

March 30 - Thelma Smith, Mike Thompson, Derrick McClure, and Brandi Johnson.

March 31 - Steve Mitchum, Peggy Bass, Nicholas Pavletic, Kathy Todd, Judy Shields, Steve Wilson, Carice McClerkin, David O'Connor, Erik McClure, Austin Franklin, and Kelly Busby.

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Isbell twins arrive February 13

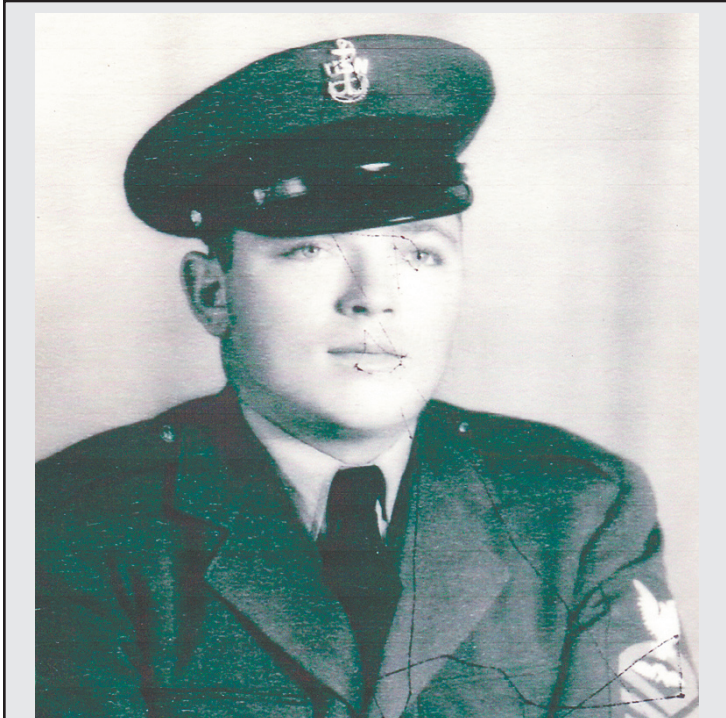
Karmella Isbell of Hickman, Ky., announces the birth of her daughter and son at 12:29 p.m. and 12:30 p.m., on February 13, 2015, at St. Francis Health Care System in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Karlee Janelle Isbell weighed five pounds, three ounces and was 18 inches in length. Karter

Jamell Isbell weighed four pounds, twelve ounces and was 19 inches in length.

They are the sister and brother of the late Cassidy Danielle Thompson.

Grandparents are Susan Swift and Melvin Swift of Hickman, Ky.



FEATURED VETERAN - This week's featured veteran is Harold Thomas Lattus, ACM, US Navy WWII. Lattus was the son of Jacob A. (Jake) and Sara E. (Lissie) Lattus. Harold was raised in the Brownsville Community with his eight siblings on the family farm. The Carnegie Library is home to the museum which houses photos of area veterans. Stop by Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to visit the museum.

Dr. Hedgepath promoted to VP for academic affairs at Campbellsville University

By Joan C. McKinney, news and publications coordinator
Campbellsville University President Michael V. Carter has announced the selection of Dr. Donna Hedgepath, dean of the School of Education, as the new vice president for academic affairs.

Her selection results from a year-long national search to find the "best replacement for Dr. Frank Cheatham, who is retiring in mid-May of this year as CU's chief academic officer," Carter said.

Carter said, "Dr. Hedgepath has the breadth of experience and academic training to lead CU's diverse and growing academic programs to new levels of excellence and comprehensive scope."

"During the past decade in her time at CU, she has shown exceptional leadership skills, academic depth and knowledge, strong Christian faith and servanthood and respect among her peers. Her leadership of the School of Education over the past couple of years has been a time of innovation, vision and streamlining of academic offerings."

"I am honored and humbled by my recent appointment as the vice president for academic affairs," Hedgepath said.

"I look forward to serving the students and faculty at CU while maintaining a spirit of 'faith and learning' that prepares servant leaders."

"I am excited to serve CU in this capacity as we move forward," she said.

Hedgepath has worked with Cheatham as one of the institution's academic deans and served as a member of the Administrative Council, CU's highest level of administration, for the past two years representing the faculty.

Carter said she will be able to work with Cheatham between now and his retirement. He called Cheatham "one of the true giants of Baptist higher education" who is serving in his 42nd year at Campbellsville University.

Hedgepath, a 1992 bachelor's and 1999 master's graduate of Campbellsville University, has participated in the national accreditation of the School of Education as well as gaining knowledge of the SACSCOC accreditation standards during her time as dean.



Dr. Donna Hedgepath

Prior to her tenure as dean, Hedgepath served as a member of the faculty in both the Schools of Education and Music. She brings to her new position ten plus years of experience with Campbellsville University and proven administrative leadership skills as an academic dean and faculty member.

Carter said, "Her writing and research skills, as an academician, are exemplary, she is respected by the current administrative leadership team as well as her colleagues on the faculty and staff, and she has excellent understanding of the mission and future of Campbellsville University."

Hedgepath has a Ph.D. in Music Education from the University of Kentucky which she received in August 2006. She specialized in teacher quality.

She received her Master of Music in Music Education degree from Campbellsville University in 1999 with core content for arts and humanities curriculum alignment as her research focus. She received her Bachelor of Music in Music Education from CU in 1992.

She has her rank I in vocal music K-12 and gifted and talented education endorsement from Western Kentucky University.

She served as a teacher in the Marion County School System from 1993 to 2001 and taught one year in the Taylor County School System.

She is married to Pete Hedgepath and has three sons, Mitchell Tinnell and Nathan and Aaron Hedgepath.

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by Tom Hoskins

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The Holy Spirit sovereignty

convicts man of sin (because he is lost), of righteousness because Jesus is the righteous One, and of judgment to come, a severe judgment without Jesus Christ (John 16:7-11). This is the pre-conversion work of the Holy Spirit. Then at the will of the Father and the word of the Father the Holy Spirit through the word of God draws the chosen ones to Christ (John 6:44). "No man can come to me (Jesus), except the Father which has sent me draw him."

When in faith (which is a gift of God) a man is drawn to Jesus,

the Holy Spirit baptizes him into the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13). He is born again, born from above, experiencing the new birth. "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:6).

Yes, baptism saves, the baptism of the Spirit, which places one in the body of Jesus Christ, the church of the first born written in heaven, united in Christ by the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Water baptism pictures identification, spirit baptism gives one justification. Water baptism is a picture of death! Spirit baptism a reality of life. Yes, baptism saves.

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Obituaries

Edith Trantham

Edith Trantham, 89, a resident of Madison, Miss., formerly of Hickman, Ky., died March 16, 2015 at her residence.

Born September 14, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Roy Wiseman and Vera (Ray) Wiseman.

Survivors include one son, Larry (Celeste) Trantham of Madison; two grandchildren, Christopher Tratham of Jackson,

Miss., and Stephanie (JJ) Cook of Plano, Texas; and one great-grandchild, Jasper Cook.

One brother, Roy Ray Wiseman, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held March 19, at Strong Funeral Home in Hickman, with Rev. Henry Callison officiating. Burial followed in Hickman City Cemetery.

Pallbearers were family members.

Mrs. Blonnie Mikel

Mrs. Blonnie Mikel, 92, a resident of Hickman, Ky., died March 17, 2015 at the Union City Manor Nursing Home in Union City, Tenn.

Born August 19, 1922 in Brewton, Ala., she was the daughter of the late Wiley and Mertie Jackson. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hickman, former member of the Hickman City Commission and a long time member of the Fulton County Homemakers Club.

Survivors include one daughter, Inez (Dan) Brock of Paducah, Ky.; three grandchildren, Mareena (Terry Glenn) Bennett of Fulton, Ky., Matt (Amelia)

Mikel of Paducah, and Ashley Mikel of Denver, Colo.; one great-grandson, Owen Matthew Mikel of Paducah; and one sister, Mary Brantley of Minette, Ala.

Her husband, Carl Edward Mikel, and her son, Charles Mikel, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held March 20, 2015 at Strong Funeral Home in Hickman, with Rev. Nancy Varden officiating. Burial followed in the Pleasant View Memorial Gardens near Fulton, Ky.

Pallbearers were, Harold Logan Nerren, Lynn Major, Jim Major, Mike Major, Lynn Grissom, Greg Grissom, Dan Rice and Doug Voorhees.

Don Hollingsworth

Mr. Don Hollingsworth, 82, a resident of Martin, Tenn., formerly of Hickman, Ky., died March 20, 2015 at the Union City Manor Nursing Home in Union City, Tenn.

Born March 20, 1933, he was the son of the late Carl and Mozelle Hollingsworth. He came to Hickman July 1, 1967, opening his business City Electronics, selling and repairing televisions, and also selling furniture. He retired Oct. 1994. He built and flew several ultra-light airplanes, flying them around the tri-state area, and he was a man of God, and held weekly Bible study at his home for the past 12 years. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Ann (Johnson) Hollingsworth of Martin, whom he married Sept. 2, 1979; four sons, Ronnie Hollingsworth of Dyer, Tenn., Terry Hollingsworth

and Chris Hollingsworth, both of South Fulton, Tenn., and Jimmy Hollingsworth of Fulton, Ky.; three daughters, Pam Allen of Water Valley, Ky., Penny Fleming of Hickman, and Kandy Coots of Brentwood, Tenn.; 16 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

One sister, Sue Ramey, also preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held March 22, at Strong Funeral Home of Hickman, with Rev. Joe Mercer, a family friend, and Rev. Michael Crandall officiating. Burial followed in the Obion County Memorial Gardens in Union City.

Pallbearers were John Gillespie, John Fleming, Gary Coots, Matt Moss, Wesley Hollingsworth and Chad Hollingsworth. Honorary pallbearers were Jason McCoy, Jeremy McCoy, and Aaron Hollingsworth.

Hickman Police Department News

The Hickman Police Department reports these arrests, citations, investigations and fire calls for Hickman and Cayce Volunteer Fire Departments for Monday, March 9 through Sunday, March 15:

Monday, March 9:

- Assisted ambulance on Cedar St.
- Code enforcement on Ponderosa Dr.
- Responded to loud music complaint on 7th St.
- Served a warrant on Laura Williamson.

Tuesday, March 10:

- Went to single vehicle accident on Union City Hwy.
- Investigated a claim of harassment on Terrace Dr.
- Worked a single vehicle accident on Moscow Ave.
- Talked to a suspicious man on the levee.
- Traffic stop on Moscow Ave.

Wednesday, March 11:

- Civil stand by on Nelson St.
- Investigated possible theft on Bernal Ave.
- Traffic stop on Hwy 309.

Thursday, March 12:

- Went to a 2-car motor vehicle accident at the 4 way stop on S 7th and Union City Hwy.
- Investigated a disturbance on Moscow Ave.
- Went to a report of a suspicious man on Moscow Ave.

Friday, March 13:

- Motorist assist on Cedar St.
- Went to a claim of shoplifting at the Dollar General
- Animal complaint on

Moscow Ave.

- Animal complaint on Harrison St.
- Investigated loud noises on Myron Cory Dr.
- Traffic stop on Hwy 94.
- Welfare check on Walnut St.

- Traffic stop on Moscow Ave.
- Investigated an alarm on Holly St.
- Went to a motor vehicle accident on Holly St.

Saturday, March 14:

- Investigated loud music on Ivey St.
- Traffic stop on 7th St.
- Traffic stop on Union City Hwy.

Sunday, March 15:

- Traffic stop on Broadway St.
- Fire Department investigated smoke on Eden St.
- Police escort from funeral home to cemetery.
- Went to a domestic violence call on Tommy Joe Dr.
- Investigated a theft on S 7th Street

Monday, March 16:

- Motor vehicle accident on Union City Hwy.
- Investigated loud music on 7th St.
- Went to a disturbance on Ivey St.
- Assisted EMS on Holly Street.

Tuesday, March 17:

- Fire Department investigated smoke on Eden St.
- Police escort from funeral home to cemetery.
- Went to a domestic violence call on Tommy Joe Dr.
- Investigated a theft on S 7th Street

Wednesday, March 18:

- Motor vehicle accident on Union City Hwy.
- Investigated loud music on 7th St.
- Went to a disturbance on Ivey St.
- Assisted EMS on Holly Street.

Thursday, March 19:

- Steve Rutledge of Murray, Ky., black male, citation, speeding 71/55 mph zone.
- Friday, March 20:

- Alexander Macay of Mount Juliet, Tenn., white male, citation, speeding 100/70 mph zone.
- Billy D. Higgins, Jr., of Fulton, white male, citation

speeding 71/55 mph zone.

Saturday, March 21:

- Teresa Johnson of Fulton, black female, arrested, driving under influence 1st.
- Marissa McCaball of Martin, Tenn., black female, citation, no insurance, no operator's license, no registration, no registration receipt.
- Kayla R. Wilcutt of Union City, Tenn., white female, citation, speeding 73/55 mph zone.
- Corey Johnson of South Fulton, Tenn., white male, citation, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance, 1st offense.
- Monday, March 23:
- Leslie Conner of Fulton, white female, citation, non payment of fines.

Editor's Note: This information was submitted in its entirety by a representative of the City of Hickman Police Department. Any corrections, changes, or deletions contact the Police Department at 270-236-2520.

Transportation Cabinet announces bridge project along KY 1909

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, is currently in the design and environmental phase for a bridge replacement project along KY 1909 in Fulton county. The bridge crosses Little Bayou de Chien Creek on KY 1909 in Fulton just south of the KY 2149 intersection.

The maintenance of traffic plan includes closing KY 1909 at mile point 0.798 in the area of construction as a practical detour route is available along other local routes. Upon completion of construction, KY 1909 will be reopened to the travelling public.

The Cabinet expects this project to qualify as a Categorical Exclusion in accordance with the Federal Register Regulation 23 CFR 771.117 (d) (3). The Transportation Cabinet is providing notice that design and environmental surveys are on-going.

If you have any questions about this project please feel free to contact Blake Beyer, Environmental Coordinator at (270)898-2431 or at the KYTC District 1 Office at 5501 Kentucky Dam Road, Paducah, KY, 42003. You may refer to project Item # 1-1144.00.

Fulton Co. Sheriff's Department News

The Fulton County Sheriff's Department reports these arrests and citations for Tuesday, March 17 through Monday, March 23:

Tuesday, March 17:

- Roxanne M. Herndon of Dyersburg, Tenn., white female, arrested, bench warrant failure to appear; drug paraphernalia-buy/possess; fugitive from justice (Obion County, TN).
- Shontaylor Freeman of Hickman, Ky., black female, citation, speeding 81/55 mph zone.
- Shontaylor Freeman of Hickman, black female, arrested, fugitive from justice (TN).
- Carlos Pryor of Fulton, Ky., black male, arrested, failure to appear (3 counts).

Wednesday, March 18:

- Steve Rutledge of Murray, Ky., black male, citation, speeding 71/55 mph zone.
- Friday, March 20:

- Alexander Macay of Mount Juliet, Tenn., white male, citation, speeding 100/70 mph zone.
- Billy D. Higgins, Jr., of Fulton, white male, citation

speeding 71/55 mph zone.

Saturday, March 21:

- Teresa Johnson of Fulton, black female, arrested, driving under influence 1st.
- Marissa McCaball of Martin, Tenn., black female, citation, no insurance, no operator's license, no registration, no registration receipt.
- Kayla R. Wilcutt of Union City, Tenn., white female, citation, speeding 73/55 mph zone.
- Corey Johnson of South Fulton, Tenn., white male, citation, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance, 1st offense.
- Monday, March 23:
- Leslie Conner of Fulton, white female, citation, non payment of fines.

Editor's Note: This information was submitted in its entirety by a representative of the Fulton County's Sheriff's Office. Any corrections, changes, or deletions contact the Sheriff's office at 270-236-2545.

Bluff Briefs

Senior Citizens Spaghetti Supper

The Fulton County Senior Citizens of Hickman will have their annual Spaghetti Supper on Thursday, March 26 from 4 – 6 p.m. The meal will be served at the Hickman Senior Center, located at 1404 Liberty St., Hickman. Eat-in or carry-out. Delivery will be made to homebound individuals. Tickets are available at the senior center or call 270-236-2826 to reserve your \$6.00 tickets.

Skywarn Spotter Training

Fulton County Emergency Management will host a Skywarn Spotter Training webinar March 26 at 6 p.m. in the Fulton County Fiscal Court courtroom at 2216 Myron Cory Drive in Hickman (Old National Guard Armory). Because of limited seating, they are asking for people to pre-register. This training is open to the public.

Community Egg Hunt

Cayce United Methodist Church will sponsor a Community Egg Hunt for children ages 0-12 years on Saturday, March 28. The hunt will begin at 10 a.m. and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Rush Creek to host Egg Hunt

Rush Creek United Methodist Church will host an Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28, at 2 p.m. on the church lawn.

Assistance Available for Area Veterans

Veterans and their families will be provided counseling and assistance in filing claims for state and federal benefits. This is a free service provided by the state of Kentucky. For more information please contact Ron McClure, Regional Field Representative, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA). Mr. McClure's schedule: Thursday, April 2, 9:00 – 2:30, Mayfield, VA Clinic, 1253 Paris Rd., by appointment, walk-ins will be scheduled an appointment. Visit the Clinic, email ronald.mcclure@ky.gov or phone 270-247-2455 extension 73905 to schedule an appointment and Friday – Wednesday, April 3 – 6, not available.

Four reasons why you need to know your retirement number

by Chris Hogan

People love to throw around numbers when they talk about retirement. How many times have you heard that 52 percent of Americans have only \$10,000 saved for retirement? Or that 33 percent of workers are putting off retirement until after age 65, and 10 percent don't plan to retire at all?

While those numbers give us a good idea of the scope of our nation's retirement problem, they're not going to help anyone actually change their retirement outlook. The only number that can accomplish that is your number — your own, personal retirement savings goal that will allow you to live out your dream retirement.

There are a few reasons why I think that number is so important. First, to even begin calculating your retirement number, you have to decide what kind of life you want to live in retirement. Do you want to travel? Start a business? Help your grandkids with college? There's no wrong answer, but you do need to think about how much money your dream retirement will take and then boil that down to a monthly income amount.

Second, by having this discussion and agreeing on what your dream retirement looks like, you and your spouse now become a team. You're working together, sacrificing together if necessary, so you can reach a goal both of you have decided is worth the effort. There's nothing sadder than a couple who's facing retirement with no money and no dream, simply because they never sat down to talk about their future!

Third, by focusing on your retirement number, you stop thinking about retirement as an age. Retirement doesn't begin at some magical age like 65 or 70. It begins when you have enough money to enjoy the life you're dreaming about — whether that's



Chris Hogan

at age 50, 73 or 82.

Fourth, your retirement number gives you a solid starting place for your retirement plan. Millions of people don't save for their future because they think they'll have to give up too much today. They don't make a plan. And as the numbers show, they're going to be in trouble.

But numbers change when people do. When you have a real plan and work that plan with real effort, you'll get real results.

You can find out what your retirement number is with my Retire Inspired Quotient (R: IQ) Assessment. It will show you, once and for all, what your number is and how much you'll need to invest each month to reach your number. You can get a free R: IQ Assessment at ChrisHogan360.com.

*A popular and dynamic speaker on the topics of financial education and leadership, Chris Hogan also works with businesses and high-profile clients across the country helping them develop strategies to increase revenues, build wealth, and secure their financial futures. For more information about Chris, visit www.chrishogan360.com or follow him on Twitter @ChrisHogan360.

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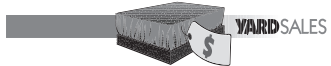
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System Saves Time

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decals for license plate renewals. Instead of clerk offices having to stock booklets of preprinted decals, the new decals are printed at the time of registration.

"This process will save county clerk offices from having to keep preprinted boxes of registration decals," said Rodney Kuhl, commissioner of the Department of Vehicle Regulation in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). "Now that decals can be printed on demand, the system becomes more efficient and more cost-effective."

For the public, the most noticeable change is that decals will no longer be color-coded by year. The new decals will have black lettering on a white background. The year and month of registration expiration will be in bold numbers, with the license plate number associated with the registered vehicle printed on the bottom. The decals are printed on the registration receipt with a special feature that allows them to be peeled off and applied to a license plate.

The registration receipt also is changing appearance. Gone is the

traditional blue and white paper. Certificates now will be on 8 1/2-inch by 11-inch white paper. Although the look is different, information on the certificate is the same.

The new decals and registration receipts are already in use in several counties, with full implementation in all 120 counties expected by the end of April. Customers with the old registration decals will keep them until they expire.

The change to print-on-demand decals and registrations is part of a comprehensive overhaul and eventual replacement of Kentucky's 30-year-old vehicle registration system, known as AVIS (Automated Vehicle Information System).

The replacement system will bear a slightly different name – KAVIS (Kentucky Automatic Vehicle Information System). Once fully developed, KAVIS will combine titling and registration for boats as well as motor vehicles, creating a more efficient registration process for customers.

Grand Jury

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amine; Enhanced Controlled Substance not in Original Container; Enhanced Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, Namely Methamphetamine; Enhanced Possession of a Controlled Substance, Namely Diazepam; and Enhanced Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. His pretrial conference has been set for April 23 at 9:30 a.m.

- Crystal D. Barnett - Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, Drug Unspecified; Possession of Marijuana; Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, 1st Degree; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
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\$300, and Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, 1st Degree.

- Ranesha N. Warren - Theft By Unlawful Taking, \$500 or more but less than \$10,000 and Criminal Mischief, 1st Degree.
- Danny R. Wilson - Fleeing and Evading Police, 2nd Degree; Tampering with Physical Evidence; Terroristic Threatening; Receiving Stolen Property, Firearm; and Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon.
- Winston N. Russell - Assault 4th Degree, (Minor Injury); Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon; Endangering the Welfare of a Minor; and Persistent Felony Offender, 1st Degree.
- Shwun L. Hardy, Jr. - Disorderly Conduct, 2nd Degree and Fleeing and Evading Police, 1st Degree.

ATTENTION FULTON COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS

Real Estate owners are required by Kentucky Law to report by March 1, 2015 any changes (additions/removals) made to their property in 2014 that would affect the value of their property.

All business owners must submit a personal property tax return for Tangible Personal Property used in their business on Form 62A500 by May 15, 2015. (Personal, Property Tax Return Form 62A500 and instructions are available at www.qpublic.net/ky/fulton and in the Fulton County PVA Office).

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You may qualify for the Homestead Exemption. The Homestead Exemption may be applied to the home owned and maintained as the permanent residence of a qualifying homeowner. The 2015 exemption is currently \$36,900.

If you have questions regarding your property tax roll information or the Homestead Exemption, please call or visit the Fulton County PVA Office.

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For the Hickman Courier

By Bob Watkins

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A group photo of the Florida Softball team. There are 14 players and two coaches. The players are wearing white jerseys with 'Florida' and their numbers in gold and blue. They are standing on a dirt field with trees in the background. The coaches are wearing blue shirts and khaki pants.

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FULTON COUNTY FARMER DONATING FULTON COUNTY FFA - On Friday, March 20, Monsanto Representative Mr. Montgomery, presented a check in the amount of \$2,500 to Fulton County Farmer Johnson Linder. Linder in turn donated the funds to Fulton County FFA. Mr. Montgomery and Linder are pictured with the FFA club officers and members.

Americans for Prosperity Kentucky poll shows support for local right-to-work

A poll released Thursday, March 19, by Americans for Prosperity Kentucky shows that a majority of Kentuckians support local efforts to enact right-to-work laws.

The poll asked 600 registered voters, "In Kentucky, the state legislature has not passed a right-to-work law. As a result, some local governments have been passing right-to-work laws that apply in their county or city, creating "right-to-work zones." Would you support or oppose your local government passing a right-to-work law?" Of the respondents, 58% support local right-to-work laws, while 35% oppose and 8% are unsure.

The poll, conducted from March 16 to 17 by Echelon Insights, has a margin of error of +/- 4%.

"Research confirms what we hear on the ground and that is Kentuckians want their local officials to empower workers,

protect their workplace freedom and enact right-to-work laws," said Julia Crigler, state director of Americans for Prosperity Kentucky.

Additionally, the survey probed the party affiliation of respondents to determine if right-to-work enjoyed broad support across party lines.

"The broad base of support for right-to-work across parties was striking - we found 65% of Republicans and 58% of Democrats saying they supported right-to-work," said Kristen Soltis Anderson, principal of Echelon Insights.

Respondents had the most dramatic reaction to this question on workplace freedom, "While workers should have the right to unionize, they should not be forced to join a union or pay dues to one they don't support." Respondents reacted to this statement with 80% agreeing, 16% disagreeing and 4% unsure.

"When we asked voters how they felt about arguments both for and against right-to-work laws, the most powerful message was about worker liberty," Anderson said. "Across the political spectrum, voters think that while workers should have a right to unionize, they shouldn't be required to do so as a condition of employment. Not only did nearly nine out of ten Republicans agree, but so did more than seventy percent of Democrats."

The findings will be shared by Americans for Prosperity Kentucky as they continue to encourage local leaders to give workers freedom in the workplace.

"The numbers in this poll are a neon sign indicating that Kentuckians believe in workplace freedom and they are signaling to local officials to deliver it; we will make sure they are paying attention," said Crigler.

Fulton County passed an ordinance on December 30, 2014, in full support of the county being a Right-To-Work county under former Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher.

Fulton County Judge/Executive Jim Martin, set to take office on January 4, 2015, was on hand and expressed his support for this ordinance.

"I don't believe it is about republican or democrat

ideology," stated Judge Martin. "For us here in Fulton County it is about economics and survival. It's about jobs and part of what is necessary for the rebound of our quality of life. I don't see it as being about pro union or anti union. I am neither. I am pro working man and woman. Whatever is good for them is what will restore our economy here in Fulton County."

Wilson Pork

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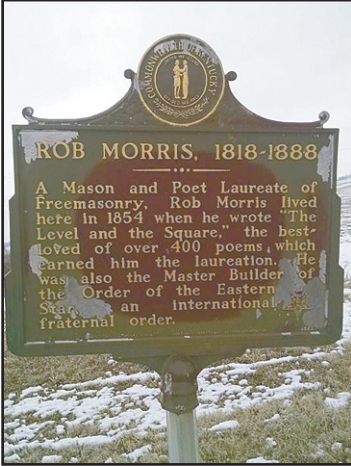
top weight and get them ready to go to slaughter by loading them on the truck."

At one time his father, and grandfather raised hogs on their farm in Cayce. "Then when it was not profitable they sold out, we didn't have hogs on the farm," he said. "I brought them back. It is kind of my thing since I started farming."

For Nathan farming is a way of life. "I couldn't live anywhere else but in the country," noted Nathan passionately. "Adding the hogs back into our family farm provided a way for me to make a living and stay on the farm. I wouldn't have it any other way."

Nathan is involved in the Kentucky Young Farmers Advisory Committee and is a member of the Fulton County Farm Bureau Board.

Nathan and his wife, Chelsea (Vernon) formerly of Tiptonville, Tennessee continue to reside and farm near Cayce. They are expecting their first child in July.



Fulton County Marker

Rob Morris of Lodgeton, Fulton County, KY

Jeff Shell
Guest Columnist

Behind this tattered and leaning historical marker stood the home of world renown and highly decorated Freemason, Rob Morris, Poet Laureate of Freemasonry. He was also the Master Builder of the Order of the Eastern Star. Many references state that Rob Morris was born on August 31, 1818, near Boston, Massachusetts. He was born Robert Williams Peckham. He grew up in New York where he adopted the name of his foster parents after the death of his birth parents, later shortening his name to Rob to avoid confusion with another poet named Robert Morris.

It has been said that you could pass by many a late night and see the dim glow of the oil lamp burning through the window of his library as he sat writing. There he held a vast collection of Masonic material from which he was inspired to write several books and over 400 poems. His most famous poem "The Level and the Square" was first scribbled on the back of a letter while he rested on a felled tree. He was on his way home from where he frequented Mills Point Masonic Lodge No. 120 in Hickman. Rob Morris was quoted as saying he never saw Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth more truly displayed than in the lives of that membership and the community.

In April of 1852 he headed to Louisville, Kentucky to publish his first book "The Lights and Shadows of Free Masonry." It was claimed to be written in the seven years he was stationed at the Masonic Lodge in Hickman. While in Louisville, he began a semi monthly publication "The Kentucky Freemason". In November of 1853 he and his family returned to this location in Fulton County, "14 miles from the Mississippi River", called Lodgeton.

On June 24, 1856 a grand rally of Freemasons from around the United States and other parts of the world gathered here. Well known dignitaries helped dedicate and lay a corner stone for the West Kentucky College; now defunct. I pose some questions. Would that corner stone have been a part of what was known as Lodgeton School which sat across Highway 94 from this site? Was Lodgeton a town or the name of his estate and surrounding area? Another question I ponder. Why do we celebrate, dedicate and mark the hallowed grounds of the birth and death places of the famous with museums and festivals, while the places that most inspired their notoriety be relinquished to tattered signs, destroyed landmark buildings and forgotten places? Was he famous? Ask any member of a Masonic Lodge or Order of the Eastern Star. Are the Masons famous? Many historical figures involved in the signing of the Declaration of Independence or the composing the Constitution of the United States of America; were Masons. The first president of the United States, George Washington, was a Mason. Benjamin Franklin was a Mason. Meriwether Lewis, a Master Mason who established and was Master of the St. Louis, Missouri Masonic Lodge No.111 encouraged his fellow explorer William Clark to be a Mason. Should this inspirational place deserve more of a remembrance than a tattered, leaning marker on an empty corner of a barren field? These are questions I submit. I will doggedly pursue the answers.

SECOND CUP

By Cory Ramsey

Louisville is Kentucky by a sliver, much of it concentrated within the Gene Snyder Parkway loop in a neat ten mile radius hemmed also by the Ohio River that caused it. Specifically, the Falls. In olden time, flatboats couldn't do much with a series of rapids there and had to either pack their store around or simply settle. Settle they would, and Louisville through time became the state's largest city, competing with Lexington eternally for signature status.

Theresidueof a 1900s industrial river town flood the landscape like the river itself did in 1937. Old, plain brick warehouses and empty factories sprawl out around interstates plopped through and over the city towards a skyline of business and hotels. There and for a few blocks around Main Street, Louisville shows off like any great midwestern city with banks and insurance companies rising upward several stories making for commerce trophies. But at ground level, success is displayed mixed with failure and change at every block. There are glimpses of a comeback from the typical downtown decline seen nationwide.

The University of Louisville Cardinals have moved play from an arena on the outskirts of town to a new Yum! Center built riverside. The minor league Sluggers baseball team has a stadium nearby. Bars a plenty peddle the native Bourbon and now upscale restaurants fill old storefronts where patrons can eat from menus noted across the nation. Museum Row highlighted by a giant baseball bat outside the Louisville Slugger factory keeps the tourist busy after a meal. And the 100 year old Belle of Louisville Steamboat sets out most days for jaunts on the Ohio. The new 21c Hotel is an art gallery in every room making national attention for innovation.

But beyond those activities still lay the look of a tired town just a quarter mile south. Block after block of empty, under renovation, or under question structures. One block beyond the 4th Street Live entertainment hub, and panhandlers begin asking for money. But Louisville can't be measured by a block or two, for the entire region is referred to as the Metro and contributes an overall culture.

The parks systems designed in part by Olmstead link the city in a chain of canopy from end to end and have set a national precedent. From Iroquois Park alone one can have the eagle's view. The Highlands area along the Bardstown Road corridor might as well be somewhere along the west coast. Enough outdoor seating at more restaurants than one could ever have a hunger for.

Shops spread evenly, the specialty kind that are only found in this single place. It's a college town feel just minutes from the taller skyscrapers. Old Louisville south of the river contains the largest concentration of historic buildings outside of New York. And one could talk of the wealth on display eastward where the streets are still brick and the trees are at full maturity in green yards. Then the Dixie Highway westward where bait shops and old taverns look the same as they did in the glory days of the American road trip. Though horses define the state eastward toward Lexington's Bluegrass hub, the world notes Louisville as the place with the biggest prize each May. Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby have taken on mythical proportions of the version of Kentucky wanted year round. Enough Southern Charm in one day to make up for a northern flair the rest of the year. That's Louisville. Undefinably One.

Senior Spotlight

David Polk
Parent's names: David Polk and Tasha Polk
Brothers and sisters names: Ladarrian Polk, Amber Chrisp, and Bobby Chrisp
Sports you play (if any): Maybe Track
Plans after graduation: Military or College
Clubs and Activities, Accomplishments, Hobbies, Interests, etc.: I like to chill
Favorite part of school: 2nd period
Something interesting about yourself: I'm smart and I'm (mighty) strong.
Fondest memory while at Fulton County High School (any year): My 1st day of High School.

Leah Rash
Parent's names: Greg Rash and Cheryl Cox Williams
Brothers name: Adam Rash
Sports you play (if any): Cheerleading and Volleyball
Church and/or community involvement: Woodland Mills First Baptist Church
Plans after graduation: Attend Murray State University
Clubs and Activities, Accomplishments, Hobbies, Interests, etc.: FBLA, JAM/FCA, and Beta Club
Favorite part of school: Journalism
Something interesting about yourself: I would love to live in California.
Fondest memory while at Fulton County High School (any year): Lasting impressions with my friends.

Best Wishes

David Polk

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Chad Everett working on the farm.

Every day on the farm is different for Chad Everett

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Helping to feed his own community and the people around the world is one reason why Chad Everett is the fourth generation in his family to be involved in the family farm. “It’s very rewarding being this big of a part of God’s creation,” he added. “I enjoy doing something different every day.”

Chad loves to see what he plants grow. “I’ve done most of the planting since I graduated from high school in 1995,” noted Chad. “I find that part of farming very rewarding, knowing and seeing the work I’ve done in the spring grow during the year. This is the one part of farming you can watch and see the fruit of your labor throughout the year.”

Chad’s dad, Chuck Everett retired in December of 2013, but it still helping on the farm on a daily basis. Both of them have been carrying on the tradition for Chad’s son, Chade, after following in the footsteps of Chade’s great-grandfather Charles Everett, Sr. and great-great-grandfather William Everett.

Chade is growing up on the family farm just like Chad did. “I was raised farming,” Chad said. “My dad and granddad showed me how rewarding of a career it could be. I just wanted to continue the legacy for future generations. Plus, I love what I do.”

While Chad would like to see Chade continue on this great tradition, he is leaving that decision up to Chade. “He is out here on the farm with me as often

as he can be,” added Chad.

Things have definitely changed in the way corn, wheat and beans are planted on the Everett Family Farm, and Chad knows from firsthand experience that farming has come a long way in a short time. “We’ve gone from tractors without cabs to everything having cabs,” he explained. “Planters use to have little to no makers to help guide us through the field. Now with all the new technology we don’t need markers. The new guidance directs the tractors and combines to drive straighter than any human can on their own.”

Farmers now have the ability to map their own fields. “Mapping gives us yield data across every acre helping us to find troubled spots in the fields,” noted Chad. “During planting and spraying, this technology gives us the ability to run section shut offs, this shuts off selected rows as they pass an area that has already been covered. Using this helps us to cut costs on our inputs.”

This type of technology was not available when Chad first started farming. “My granddad started with a team of horses and a plow,” remarked Chad.

Yes, farming is a way of life for Chad, not just a job. “Even when I spent two and a half years working at Goodyear,” he said. “I’ve worked with my dad my whole life. I still helped him as often as I could, even during my time at Goodyear.”

For Chad farming definitely is a tradition he can pass down to his son, Chade.

Jones brothers mix family with farming

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Working on the family farm is even more rewarding when two brothers are able to work side by side with their father. Jeremy and Jacob Jones agree without a doubt that working together with their father Dennis Jones at Jones Grain Farms LLC is a blessing.

Yes, Jeremy, a 1997 Fulton County High School (FCHS) graduate who earned his degree in Ag Business at Murray State University did test the waters when he went off to college but decided earning a living on the farm is where he wanted to be. “I saw the opportunity to come back and farm,” he said. “There are not as many young farmers as there once was and I think it is important to carry on the family tradition.”

Jacob, who prefers staying close to home, has been helping out on the farm for as long as he can remember. He graduated from FCHS in 2005 and knew working with his dad and brother was a good fit for him. “After school and during the summers I enjoyed helping on the farm,” he said. “Even when I had a full time job from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., I would come home, tired but would hop into a combine. It is my favorite place to be.”

The two brothers are carrying on the family tradition following in the footsteps of their grandfather Tommie Jones and great-grandfather Sam Austin Jones (8-15-1901-1963) growing row crops of corn, beans, and wheat.

“Right now we are happy with the variety of crops we raise,” Jeremy said. “If the opportunity ever arises and it is interesting enough I wouldn’t be opposed to trying something new in the future.”

For Jeremy and Jacob working together has its advantages. “I know where he is going to be and what he is going to be doing,” Jeremy said of his younger brother Jacob. “If we work on something there is a trust we have for each other because we know each other so well.”

Jacob agrees with Jeremy. “Yes, we are around each other every day and some people don’t like mixing business with family but we definitely benefit from the many advantages working together provides for us and they out weigh any bumps that might come along the way. Decisions come easier for us, doing it together.”

An aspect of farming that Jeremy enjoys is spending time outdoors and being his own boss.

“My favorite place to be is operating the combine, especially at harvest time,” he said. “I first drove one by myself when I was about 13 years old.”

Right now, spring time, is another favorite time of Jacob’s because everything is new and fresh.

Granted, Mother Nature, who likes to through a monkey wrench into things with her unpredictability can make it hard to predict how long your days might be. With that said, Jeremy also likes the end of the growing season after all the work you have put in is finally over and you get to see the reward of those beans and corn ready for harvest.

“Technology has developed over the years,” added Jeremy, “which can add to the unpredictability of working on a farm but when everything is running good, you can’t beat it. The new technology has also made us more efficient and saves us time. We get more done and

the size of the newer equipment helps us cover a lot more ground versus 30 years ago.

Just two weeks ago Jeremy gave back to his community speaking to the students at his alma mater, FCHS. “We addressed the students along side the representatives from The Anderson’s Grain,” he said. “We talked to the students about how we grow the crops and what happens after we grow them. We have to sell our grain to

someone and we work with The Anderson’s to help us sell and market it.”

When not farming Jeremy and Jacob enjoy spending time with their family, including their fiancés Naomi Tuisl and her son and Christina Pair and her two daughters, respectively. “We are definitely family oriented,” they both said. “We just love doing stuff at home, kicking back and relaxing on the farm.”



Jeremy and Jacob Jones on the family farm.



Jason Lattus during harvest time last fall.

Agriculture equals family for farmer Jason Lattus

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Five generations of the Lattus family have farmed ground in Fulton County and Jason Lattus would love for his son Jake to be the sixth generation to carry on the tradition. “For me, farming is all about family,” said Jason. “I farm with my dad, Don Lattus, and we have followed in the footsteps of my grandfather Hugh Lattus, great-grandfather Jake Lattus and great-great-grandfather Joseph Benjamin Lattus.”

Being around his family and working side by side with his dad is the most important part of farming for Jason. “I have always enjoyed working on the farm, doing things with my dad and my granddad,” he said. “I grew up outside on the farm and now my son Jake is doing the same thing. Jake rides with me whenever he can. He also does a lot of little things to help out.”

Sometimes Jake copies his dad’s movements on the farm, fixing this and working on this and that.

“We love being outdoors, riding in the equipment, doing whatever we can,” added Jason with a hint of excitement now that the weather is turning warmer.

Working on the farm definitely isn’t a problem for Jason because he loves it so much. It’s been breed into him each and every day since he was a small boy. “I love to operate the machinery and work to help produce a good healthy crop,” he explained. “By doing this I am helping my family and other families. I love helping everyone. The harder I work the better the crops I raise.” Having a successful crop helps not only the Lattus family, but also the tenants and family members that Jason works with. “Together we are producing crops to feed others in the world, not just here in our community,” he added.

The difficult part of the farming aspect for Jason is how quickly things change. “We are constantly learning new things,” he said. “I always try to learn something new every day and with today’s technology and how the world is ever developing, we have to.”

Jason recognizes the drastic changes that have occurred since he graduated from Fulton County High School 20 years ago. “The technology now is more advanced and helps us become more cost efficient,” he noted. “There is a definite learning curve to using new equipment like auto tracking and auto steering.”

Back when his granddad used mules to till the soil and plant the

seed, it took a long time to cover just a few acres of land. “Now we can spray 700 to 1,000 acres in a day and we can plant seed in 400 to 500 acres,” Jason said. “I think my granddad would marvel at the fact that tractors now have cabs and come equipped with air conditioning.”

As the planting season is upon Jason and his family, he thinks to the future of farming for his son Jake, now just four years old. “One day he could run farm equipment and never be in the field where that equipment is in operation,” he added. “Who knows where technology will take us. Every day the equipment becomes more efficient and helps make us better farmers.”

Hancock’s take on farming along the Mississippi River

Katie Sanger Hancock

I’m grateful the snow has passed. Thank you again to those that risked their safety to maintain roadways and power lines during this past winter’s snow storms.

Though the snow and rain (rain is in the forecast one day in the next week) has eased, farmers may still be vulnerable to the previous and upcoming precipitation. Wind and warming temperatures will dry the land, but the Mississippi River and rainfall is the wild card farmers continue to watch.

How will farmers be impacted by the river and rainfall? Planting and fieldwork delays will be the primary concern- especially for the Upper Bottom farmers. It all depends on the flood stage (40 feet) in the next week or so. Currently the river shows signs of cresting which indicates it will begin to fall.

Those that rely on the Dorena-Hickman Ferry will seek alternative routes until the river allows it to resume operations.

Winter wheat crops can be damaged by cold temperatures and heavy precipitation, but is currently looking like a decent crop.

Grain elevators have been accepting grain, but there’s always a potential delay for them as well.

We aren’t necessarily late to begin corn planting, but by the time you’re reading this, farmers will be planting or anxious to start.

Just because the river has been above flood stage (48.2 feet on Monday, March 23) doesn’t mean we can’t have a successful season. It seems each year has some kind of river issue. Dad always told me it’s best to have the



Katie Sanger Hancock

river early instead of late, so this may be a blessing.

A delay now is much better than a damaged crop later. The river is a hassle at times, but farmers are overall thankful to have nearby delivery locations and a strong river basis.

The river forecast can be monitored online at the National Weather Service River Forecast Center. Fulton County is on the Lower Mississippi, but we also have to watch the water flow from the rivers that flow into it like the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers because that’s where the water comes from. The river forecast predicts incoming water flow and the amount released, so it’s a great tool to use.

Large equipment makes up for weather delays and in the worst-case scenario, farmers will change rotation plans. For example, more bean acres could make up for corn planting issues.

It’s still too early to become discouraged and farmers are great at planning around weather delays. Good luck to my fellow farmers and I have confidence this will be a great crop year.

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